GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Private Healthcare
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether in the absence of Government hospitals people from rural and tribal area are forced to avail expensive private healthcare; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) & (b): Health Care facilities are not absent in rural areas. As per Rural Health Statistics, 2014 - 2015, there are 186144 health facilities in the public sector at various levels such as Sub-Centres (SC), Primary Health Centres (PHC), Community Health Centres (CHC), Sub-District Hospitals and District Hospitals in the rural and tribal areas of the country. Of these, 32913 SC, PHC & CHC are in tribal areas.
Under the National Health Mission (NHM), financial and technical assistance is provided to the states for strengthening its health care systems. Since, inception of NHM/NRHM, Government has released over Rs.1.52 lakh crore to states, for strengthening health care facilities.
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